

REMARKS

Claims 17-29, 63-75 and 123-141 are pending. Claims 17-29, 63-75, 123-136 and 140 have been allowed.

In the Office Action, claims 137 and 141 have been objected. As previously provided, claims 137 and 141 have been amended for clarification purposes. Applicant notes that the amendments to claims 137 and 141 should not be construed as narrowing and/or disclaiming any claimed subject matter in view of same. Therefore, the objections should be withdrawn.


In the Office Action, claims 137-139, and 141 have been rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting. More specifically, claims 137-139, and 141 have been rejected in view of claims 5, 33, 38, and 56 of U.S. Patent No. 6,198,770; and claim 137 has been rejected in view of claim 1 of U.S. Patent No. 6,292,591. In response, Applicant is submitting a Terminal Disclaimer. Therefore, these rejections should be withdrawn.

For the foregoing reasons, Applicant respectfully submits that the present application is in condition for allowance and earnestly solicits reconsideration of same.

Respectfully Submitted,

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